

Curriculum Vitae of Calvin L. Pyatt

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Education

Master of Science in Sociology; Received June 2024 from University of Texas at San Antonio; 4.0 Cumulative GPA

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a Specialization in Criminal Justice; Minor in Psychology; Received May 2022 from Texas Lutheran University; 4.0 Cumulative GPA

Research Interests

- Health lifestyles and their impact on mortality
- Structural impacts of suicide
- The impact of firearms on American society

Publications

Forthcoming

Daniels, Colton L., and Calvin Pyatt. "Drug Abuse/Dependence." In *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior and Society*, Second Edition.

Co-author of a book chapter that briefly discusses the history of drug abuse. Discussed the impact of COVID-19 on drug abuse experiences and care. Article has been accepted and published.

Conference Presentations

May 2024

Anything Goes: Lifestyle and Portrayed Gender on Tinder – Presented at Spring 2024 Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Conference

One of the principal investigators of an experiment using Tinder. Experiment seeks to see responses for portrayed cisgender versus transgender and ambitious personality versus laid back personality.

May 2023

The Power of Flavor: Measuring the Impact of the Nocebo Effect on Short Term Memory – Presented at 2023 Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Conference, University of Texas at San Antonio's 30 to R1 Conference, & University of Texas at San Antonio's Sociology Spring Colloquium (1st Place in Independent Research)

One of the principal investigators of an experiment designed to test the impact of the nocebo effect on short-term memory. The experiment also sought to evaluate the impact of Gatorade ingredients on short-term memory.

Additional Projects

February 2023

Is It Truly 'Anything That Shoots?' Blasting Open the Black Box of Firearm Socialization (Thesis)

Author of a project designed to evaluate associations between early firearm socialization, firearm ownership, and firearm policy attitudes. Results reveal a mediation pattern between the three.

December 2022

Sothorn Culture and Defensive Gun Ownership

Assisting in revisions of Efrain Pablo Gonzales' thesis. Recruited by Dr. Ellison to help rewrite the theoretical section of the paper. Further revisions are currently being made.

May 2022

Bulldogs and Law Enforcement: An Ethnographic Study on TLU Student's Interactions with Police

Principal investigator of an ethnography research project. Conducted interviews to determine how Texas Lutheran University student's interactions with police influenced their attitudes on law enforcement. Highlighted how salient experiences were often reflected in a participant's views and opinions.

December 2021

What is Killing the Blue in Pandemic Times? An Analysis and Evaluation of Fallen Officers in the Line of Duty in the United States

Author of a project examining deaths of on duty officers in the mainland US during the COVID-19 pandemic. Using the Officer Down Memorial Page, it was found COVID-19 caused the highest number of fatalities in states with large populations. ArcGIS was used to create maps to illustrate this.

Relevant Work Experience

August 2024 – Current

Graduate Research Assistant

Pennsylvania State University

Supervisor: Dr. Michelle Frisco

Tasked with assisting with academic projects & formulating potential projects for publication. Current subjects include mid-life health lifestyles and cross-national suicide

August 2022-May 2024.

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Texas at San Antonio

Supervisor: Dr. Christopher Ellison

Tasked with assisting Dr. Ellison with various academic projects including literature reviews, formatting statistics, and revisions on papers.

January 2020-May 2022

ADA Assistant

Texas Lutheran University

Supervisor: Dr. Tiffany Sia

Assisted Dr. Sia, who is blind, with responsibilities pertaining to her classes. Managed gradebook, communicated with her students, and helped manage her classes.

July 2021-November 2021

Academic Intern (225 Hours)

Texas Department of Public Safety

Supervisor: Corporal Billie Watson Jr.

Rode out with state troopers to learn the duties of a Texas Highway Patrolman. Assisted in crash investigations and reconstructions.

January 2020-May 2020

Academic Intern (225 Hours)

Seguin Police Department

Supervisor: Josh Kennington

Learned how a police station operated. Duties included working and learning from Records Department, D.A.R.E., and Evidence.

Honors, Awards, and Organizations

March 2024

Southern Sociological Society Member

Attended 2024 Annual SSS Conference

November 2023

Phi Kappa Phi

Inducted – University of Texas at San Antonio

April 2023

UTSA Sociology Annual Spring Colloquium

First Place in the Graduate Student Research Paper Category

January 2023

Alpha Kappa Delta

Inducted – University of Texas at San Antonio

May 2022

Summa Cum Laude

Texas Lutheran University

Fall 2020

Alpha Chi Honor Society

Inducted – Texas Lutheran University

Fall 2018-May 2022

President's List

Texas Lutheran University

Fall 2018-May 2022

Dean's List

Texas Lutheran University

Research Skills

- Experienced in using SPSS to conduct statistical tests (OLS Regression, Logit Regression, Negative Binomial Regression, Regression with Robust Standard Errors) for a variety of publishable projects.
- Experienced & certified in designing and executing experiments with human subjects.
- Experienced with creating professional graphs using Excel and PowerPoint.
- Have experience in facilitating group discussions, negotiations, and conducting in-person interviews.